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**State and Local Agencies Work Together to Bring Justice for  
Door County Real Estate Victims**

The Department of Regulation and Licensing (DRL) and The Department of Justice (DOJ), along with local Law Enforcement Officials have successfully worked together in bringing justice for Door County property owners victimized by the co-owner of Door County Vacation Rentals (DCVR).

Celeste Danek, co-owner of DCVR was sentenced to 11 years probation and four months jail, with three months stayed by Door County Circuit Court on October 16, 2006. The lengthy probation allows for restitution of \$33,299.53 to local property owners victimized by Ms. Danek.

Ms. Danek was convicted of two felony charges and a criminal misdemeanor. The convictions are for theft in a business setting and issuing of worthless checks, as well as acting as a Real Estate Broker or Sales Agent without a license.

“The successful prosecution of this case is a direct result of multi-agencies at the local and State level working together”, stated Celia Jackson, Department of Regulation and Licensing Secretary. “Our goal of promoting consumer protection and providing appropriate restitution to the victims of this crime were achieved through team work and cooperation. I am pleased with the Court’s decision”.